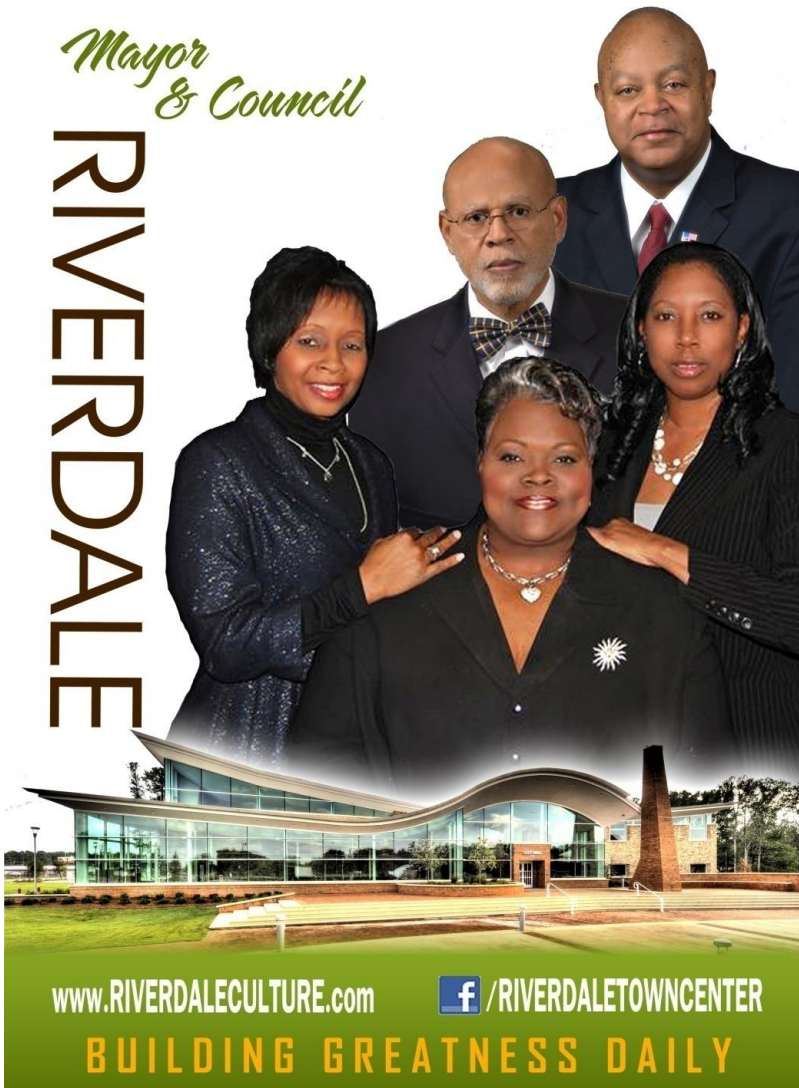


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# Council Minutes

*Mayor  
& Council*

**RIVERDALE**



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Dr. Evelyn Wynn-Dixon

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An'cel Davis, Ward 2

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**WELCOME TO THE MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF RIVERDALE. THIS MEETING IS  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

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The Honorable Mayor Evelyn Wynn Dixon

The Honorable Cynthia Stamps-Jones  
The Honorable Wanda Wallace

The Honorable An'cel Davis  
The Honorable Kenneth Ruffin

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:** The Honorable Mayor Evelyn Wynn Dixon
- 2. ROLL CALL- CITY CLERK:** All Members of Council were present which constituted a quorum.

Attendee Name	Title
Evelyn Wynn Dixon	Mayor, At-Large
Cynthia Stamps Jones	Council Member, Ward 1
An'cel Davis	Council Member, Ward 2
Wanda Wallace	Council Member, Ward 3 Mayor Pro-Tem
Kenneth Ruffin	Council Member, Ward 4 Parliamentarian

- 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** There was a consensus by the board to approve the agenda.
- 4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: BY E. SCOTT WOOD:** (The City Manager's Report was provided to the Executive Board prior to the meeting by E. Scott Wood).

Mr. Wood spoke on developing a better safety and security program for Riverdale City Hall. He stated he has spoken with Chief Spivey about relocating the magnetometer device and placing it at the front door entrance of City Hall. He said "We need to provide as much safety and security as possible."

### **Council Questions:**

Council Member Davis stated that he has questions regarding the City Manager's Report. He asked about the budget cuts for training and what the funds would be used for. He stated that training is very important and disagrees with budget cuts on training. Mayor Wynn Dixon commented that if employees have to make a sacrifice, we should also make a sacrificial effort to show that we care.

Council Member Ruffin stated that there should be a specific and documented return for the investment of training and education. Council Member Davis asked if Mr. Wood was taking a budget cut. Mr. Wood commented yes, his decrease is in the amount of \$3,000.00. Council Member Ruffin explained that the purpose for the budget cuts is to provide an incentive for economic development. He stated that the city does not have a lot of land or financial incentives. Council Member Davis commented that he does not see where \$22,000 will be an economic incentive. Council Member Stamps Jones also inquired about budget cuts in training and asked about the sacrifices that are being made by the employees. Mayor Wynn Dixon stated that some of the employees may lose their jobs. Council Member Stamps Jones asked Mayor Wynn Dixon if she made the suggestion for the board to discuss the training and the employees have made a sacrifice; and we should to. Council Member Stamps Jones goes on to ask, "What sacrificial efforts should be made by the board? Mayor Wynn Dixon answered that this board is not above taking a reduction in the budget. Council Member Stamps Jones explained that from a leadership perspective she does not believe moving funds from training to create economic incentives was not going to rectify or solve a problem if a person is going to lose their job. Council Member Stamps Jones stated that rifting is a reduction in force and should start with the individual that has less seniority. Council Member Stamps Jones explained that if you want to make a difference and show the employees we care about them than you would go across the board. She also stated that when you attend training in finance and economic development they provide a formula that creates an incentive for economic development. Mayor Wynn Dixon commented that an overview was provided for the budget by City Manager and a power point presentation was presented which illustrated how the city is overstaffed by 10%. Mayor Wynn Dixon explained that from a leadership perspective, we must keep the city sovereign. Council Member Stamps Jones answered that when you go to class for training, the last thing they recommend is to cut training. She stated that that is a suggestion but it is a poor suggestion. Mayor Dixon said "you are entitled to have your own opinion."

Council Member Wallace stated that there has been a review and discussion of the Budget each fiscal year.

Council Member Stamps Jones inquired about the City Manager's vacation days. Mayor Wynn Dixon stated that she signs off on the City Manger's timesheets.

### **5. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: BY L'ERIN F. BARNES**

Attorney Barnes stated she needs to meet with Mr. Still and Mr. Wood regarding the Wilson Road Contract and the Letter of Understanding for the ADA Survey. She goes on to speak about a July 2, 2015 meeting with Clayton County regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the 2015 Election.

**Council Questions:**

Council Member Stamps Jones inquired about the ADA Survey on Wilson Road. She asked if there were any signs posted to notify the public of the survey. Attorney Barnes stated that the area should be roped off.

**6. ADOPTION OF THE FY 2015-2016 BUDGET**

There was no discussion on the item.

**7. ZONING CASE: PETITION NO: 2015U-005 (DIVINE HAIR BRAIDING SALON- LEMENTINE KAOUASSI**

Camilla Moore Director of Planning and Zoning gave an overview of the zoning petition. She stated that the purpose of the petition is to approve a Use Permit to allow the applicant Ms. Clementine Kouassi to continue the business operation and to be in compliance with all requirements of the Zoning Ordinance.

**Council Questions:**

Council Member Stamps Jones stated that the pictures in the Zoning Case Petition are showing businesses that are no longer there. Ms. Moore stated that the business does exist and we could add conditions to the petition.

**8. DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE SALE OF ORME STREET PROPERTY**

City Manager Scott Wood gave an overview of the land that is for sale on Orme Street. He stated that the property owner is interested in acquiring a portion of the property owned by the city which is directly across Orme Street from the City Hall Annex Building.

Council Member Wallace stated that she has questions about the property but she would like to bring those questions back before the board at a later date. Council Member Davis stated he disagrees with selling the city's land.

Council Member Stamps Jones asked what happened to the renovation and adding a second floor on the property. Council Member Wallace stated there was a discussion regarding the renovation in the past, however; it could not be done.

Council Member Ruffin stated he would like to go and look at the property. Mayor Wynn Dixon stated she has looked at the property and would like to move forward selling the

land. This item will be brought back before the board for discussion during the first Mayor and Council Meeting in August.

**9. AJOURNMENT:**

Council Member Wallace made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p. m. with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried.**

**WHEN AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IS REQUIRED, ONE WILL BE CALLED FOR THE FOLLOWING ISSUES: 1) PERSONNEL, 2) LITIGATION OR 3) REAL ESTATE**

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Mayor Evelyn Wynn Dixon

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Sylvia Vaughan City Clerk